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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER PLENARY NEGOTIATING ROUND

1. SLNO PLS PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO EACH POLSTACOM
CHAIRMAN AND ANDON AMARAICH.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I WOULD LIKE,
BY THIS MESSAGE, TO CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING AS TO
THE TIME AND PLACE OF OUR NEXT PLENARY ROUND OF
NEGOTIATIONS. MY JULY MEETINGS WITH EACH COMMISSION
AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH MR. GUTHRIE
AND OMSN HAVE RESULTED IN AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE
PLENARY ROUND WILL BEGIN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 ON
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SAIPAN, LASTING FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS. KEITH GUTHRIE
WILL BE HANDLING HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS. YOUR COMMISSION MIGHT WISH TO CONTACT
THE STATUS LNO OFFICE ON SAIPAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE
REGARDING YOUR REQUIREMENTS.

----I ALSO WANT TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH THE MEMBERS OF

MY PARTY AND I APPRECIATED HAVING HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH YOU IN JULY. OUR JOINT REVIEW OF THE WORKING PAPER WAS PRODUCTIVE FROM MY POINT OF

VIEW AND I HOPE IT WAS FROM YOURS. (WE APPRECIATED RECEIVING YOUR PRELIMINARY COMMENTS AND ARE NOW ANALYZING THEM IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR DRAFT COMPACT.)

----SINCE THIS NEXT ROUND WILL BE A PLENARY, I ASSUME THAT YOUR DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE MORE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION THAN PARTICIPATED IN THE SAN DIEGO OR HILO MEETINGS. THE U.S. DELEGATION, TOO, WILL BE LARGER. I THINK THIS WILL BE USEFUL SINCE WE HAVE NOW COME TO A POINT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHERE AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC PROVISIONS AND LANGUAGE SEEMS WELL WITHIN OUR REACH. AS IN THE PAST, WE WILL WANT TO ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR BOTH MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL SESSIONS AND MEETINGS AMONG THE TRUST TERRITORY DELEGATIONS. WE PROPOSE DEVOTING THE OPENING SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 23 TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AGREED AGENDA AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. IF YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR AGENDA ITEMS IN ADDITION TO THOSE WHICH WE TOUCHED UPON DURING OUR MEETING LAST MONTH, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TRANSMITTING THEM TO ME ALONG WITH YOUR CONFIRMATION OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE PLENARY. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO GET THROUGH THE PRELIMINARIES MORE

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QUICKLY AND WILL PERMIT THE US DELEGATION TO BE MORE CONVERSANT WITH ANY ISSUES YOU MAY ANTICIPATE RAISING.

----SINCE THE RESULTS OF THE JULY 12 REFERENDUM HAVE BECOME KNOWN, EACH OF THE TRUST TERRITORY NEGOTIATING COMMISSIONS HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ME AS WELL AS WITH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER CONCERNING THE IMPORTANT TOPIC OF TRANSITION. BOTH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND I BELIEVE THAT THE SAIPAN PLENARY OFFERS ALL OF US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AND TO COMMENCE THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS ON TRANSITION, INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE JULY 12 REFERENDUM. I THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT YOUR COMMISSION MEET WITH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND ME TO CONSIDER THIS TOPIC WHILE WE ARE ALL IN SAIPAN.

----AS AT MOLOKAI WE WILL BE MAKING A TAPED RECORD OF ALL THE FORMAL MEETINGS. A COPY OF THESE TAPES WILL BE PROVIDED TO EACH OF THE TRUST TERRITORY DELEGATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EACH DELEGATION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING WHATEVER ADDITIONAL RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IT MAY WISH TO HAVE. WE INTEND TO APPOINT A RAPPORTEUR

TO MAKE NOTES FOR USE IN COMPILING THE CUSTOMARY PRINTED SUMMARY RECORD.

----I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE REAFFIRM OUR

TRADITIONAL PRACTICE OF VIEWING THE NEGOTIATING SESSIONS AS CLOSED TO THE PRESS AND TO PERSONS WHO ARE NOT OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF ONE OF THE DELEGATIONS. WE DO NOT PLAN TO MAKE ANY PRESS STATEMENTS JUST BEFORE OR DURING THE PLENARY AND HOPE THAT YOUR COMMISSION WILL JOIN IN THIS POLICY. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS MERIT IN WORKING OUT A JOINT STATEMENT FOR ISSUANCE AT THE END OF THE SESSION.

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----I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU SOON. SINCERELY,
PETER R. ROSENBLATT, AMBASSADOR.

3. FOR SLNO. PLS NOTE, SENTENCE IN BRACKETS AT END OF SECOND PARA SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF AMARAICH AND OLTER MESSAGES.

----WE ASSUME THAT HOTEL AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN LAID ON FOR JULY 31 MEETING STILL HOLD WITH EXCEPTION OF CONTINENTAL VICE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. ALSO ASSUME THAT TTG SUSPENSE ACCOUNT ARRANGEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES STILL HOLDS. PLS CONFIRM AND GIVE BEST ESTIMATE OF TOTAL OMSN EXPENSES BY CATEGORY FOR OBLIGATION PURPOSES. USDEL WILL PLAN ARRIVAL MORNING 22 SEPT WITH VIEW TOWARD OPENING MEETING DEVOTED TO BRIEF OPENING STATEMENTS AND AGENDA SETTING MORNING 23 SEPT. PLS INFORM GOV AND SENATE PRES OF NMI OF THIS SCHEDULE SINCE AMB HAS WRITTEN THEM ASKING THAT THEY COME TO OPENING MEETING TO DELIVER REMARKS. PLS ALSO TELL HICOM HE'S WELCOME TO DO SO. PLS ALSO CHECK INTO POSSIBILITY OF JOINT HICOM-USDEL SOIREE FOR ALL DELEGATIONS EVENING 23 SEPT. FINALLY, PLS DISCUSS WITH OMSN BY TELECON TEXT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CABLE TO SEND TO POLSTACOMS FOR SLNO. AMB ROSENBLATT SENDS.

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